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REF: BILLO-POMPA TELECON JULY 14

1. SUMMARY: MISSION OFFICER WAS CONTACTED JULY 14 BY
EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL REGARDING PROPOSED DONORS
MEETING IN BRUSSELS JULY 25-26 TO DISCUSS BASIC
AGRICULTURAL SERVICES PROGRAM (BASP) IN LESOTHO.
PURPOSE OF MEETING IS TO SUPPLY FURTHER INFORMATION
TO POTENTIAL DONORS ON PROGRAM SUBSTANCE AND TO
DISCUSS POTENTIAL FRG (AND PRESUMABLY UNITED STATES)
CONTRIBUTIONS. COMMISSION HOPES FOR USAID PRESENCE
AT MEETING. END SUMMARY.

2. MISSION OFFICER WAS CONTACTED JULY 14 BY GUENTER
GRUNER, CHIEF, AGRICULTURAL DIVISION, EUROPEAN
DEVELOPMENT FUND (EDF) REGARDING BASP DONORS MEETING
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TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED HERE JULY 25-26. MISSION
OFFICER AGREED TO ASSIST GRUNER BY TRANSMITTING TO
WASHINGTON INFORMATION HE PROVIDED ON MEETING AND HIS
REQUEST THAT AID CONSIDER SENDING APPROPRIATE REPRE-
SENTATIVE.

3. AS PROVISIONALLY OUTLINED, SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

BY PERMANENT SECRETARIES FOR AGRICULTURE AND PLANNING,
GOVERNMENT OF LESOTHO, MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT
EUROPEAN COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS BEGINNING 1500 HOURS
JULY 25 AND ENDING SOMETIME JULY 26. THERE IS AT
PRESENT NO FORMAL AGENDA, BUT DISCUSSIONS WILL
APPARENTLY INCLUDE REVIEW OF ADDITIONAL BASP FINANCING
REQUIREMENTS AND NEED TO SUPPORT CENTRAL SERVICES, AS
OPPOSED TO REGIONAL PROJECTS, WITHIN THE OVERALL
PROGRAM. PARTICIPANTS WILL REPORTEDLY INCLUDE:

LESOTHO: PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR AGRICULTURE
PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR PLANNING

IBRD: MR. ECKELT, CHIEF, AGRICULTURE DIVISION
MRS. UMA-LELE, AGRICULTURE DIVISION
MR. REESE, CHIEF, PROGRAMMING DIVISION

FRG: MR. AULOCK, KREDIT ANSTALT
MR. HANSEN, KREDIT ANSTALT
MR. AUST, GTZ

UK: MR. DAWES, AREA CHIEF, ODM

EC COMMISSION: MR. GRUNER, CHIEF, AGRICULTURE
DIVISION, EDF
MR. WADDAMS, AGRICULTURE DIVISION, EDF
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4. COMMENT: WHILE WE ARE IGNORANT OF COMPLETE
BACKGROUND TO THIS PROPOSED MEETING, FRG REPORTEDLY
IS SEEKING GREATER DETAILS ON BASP--INCLUDING DEGREE
AND SCOPE OF DONOR PARTICIPATION--PRIOR TO COMMITTING
APPROXIMATELY TEN MILLION DM TO PROGRAM, INCLUDING BOTH
CAPITAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. SINCE OTHER DONORS,
INCLUDING IBRD, UK AND EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND,
HAVE REPORTEDLY ALREADY MADE FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO
BASP, IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT MEETING OF THIS KIND COULD
PLACE ADDITIONAL PRESSURE ON U.S. TO GO ALONG.
MISSION OFFICER DID NOT COMMIT AID TO ATTEND PROPOSED
MEETING. GRUNER INFORMED US THAT ECKELT, IBRD, HAS
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IF REQUIRED.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.HINTON

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